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WITHDRAWAL FROM MEXICO.

In view of General Funston's recommendation that the United States troops be withdrawn from Mexico as a matter of military expediency, and of the peculiar circumstances now prevailing south of the border, there is probably nothing else to do but bring the troops back home and wait for the next raid.

Looking at the so-called punitive expedition in retrospect, it is difficult to see in it anything but a fiasco which would be ridiculous if it had not been attended by the loss of American lives. We set out to catch Villa. We not only did not catch him, but there is every reason to believe that he is in retirement at some point in Mexico well known to the Mexican authorities and that at some later date he will again make his appearance and look up as a disturbing element in Mexican affairs. We have to a certain extent dispersed the marauding bands that were operating under him, but there is practically no chance whatever that we will, under present conditions, ever be able to apprehend the arch bandit himself.

As a punitive expedition, sending the troops into Mexico was hardly called a success. It has cost millions of dollars and a number of American lives, and we have punished nobody but ourselves.

As long as a heavy guard is maintained along the Mexican border as at present, the danger of raids on American territory is reduced to a minimum. But who is there that is at all familiar with Mexican conditions that believes American lives and property near the border will be safe whenever that guard is withdrawn? Who can doubt that the tragic experience of Columbus brings a pall over every American border town that is not protected by an ample force of American soldiers?

And yet, the only thing that can permanently remedy the Mexican situation—intercession—seems as far off the future as it ever did. Both Wilson and Hughes are committed to a policy of brotherly love-toward an so-called government that is more nefarious than real, and that has proven its incapacity to put down the anarchy that has brought the country to the verge of literal starvation. Hughes indulges in talk of "friendship" towards Mexico and in the same breath advocates a policy that is even more monstrous than anything that has characterized the Wilson administration.

It is all very well to bring the things out of Mexico if they are to do nothing but stand around and do nothing while there. They should have been sent direct to Mexico City when they crossed the Rio Grande. The United States should now be by the act of establishing out Mexico and putting it where it will never more be the plague spot of this country that it is. The task is being deferred, and it will only be the harder for that fact when it is finally performed, as it inevitably must be performed.

The lesson is being generally condemned for bringing on the war, and President Wilson is being blamed for his political enemies for keeping the nation at peace. Which leaves one more that there are some people it is impossible to satisfy.

From the way he acted at Long Beach, Sunday, it is presumable that Holly Hughes took the corner at his word when he called Judge Hughes a bold faced.

If it came to a showdown, not so many of us would object to an inheritance tax if we could only be sure of the inheritance.

Let us not forget that the same law that stops the railroad going makes the roads worse.

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THE CHANGE IN HUGHES.

The change that has come over Charles E. Hughes since the time of his assumption of the office of governor of New York—the difference between the Hughes of 1914 and the Hughes of 1916—is being generally commented upon by the press of the country. That there has been a change even his friends admit. This regard as a companion for the people, he has been a disappointment. In his supporters and a source of strength to his enemies.

The Hughes of 1914 was firm, steady, resolute, independent and dignified. Even those who differed from Hughes' policies respected his modulus and admitted his absolute political honesty. It was supposed that he would serve as a member of the Hughes crew in the United States would add to his equipment for constitutional mind and a broad group of public questions.

THE PIONEER

By Richard Wightman.

THE suns of summer seared his skin;
 The cold his blood congealed;
 The forest giants blocked his way.
 He wrenched from them by dint of arm,
 And grim old Solitude
 Broke bread with him and shared his cot
 Within the cabin rude.
 The gray rocks gnarled his massive hands;
 The north wind shook his frame;
 The wolf of hunger bit him oft;
 The world forgot his name;
 But mid the lurch and crash of trees,
 Within the clearing's span
 Where now the bursting wheat-heads dip,
 The Fates turned out—a man!

dred and forty-seventh Battalion at Halifax.

Up to date the American Legion consists of five battalions, one-half the Ninety-ninth, which is now in Europe—the others returning. These are the Two Hundred and Eleventh at Vancouver, the Two Hundred and Twelfth at Winnipeg, the Two Hundred and Thirteenth at Toronto, and the Two Hundred and Thirty-seventh at Halifax. As this is written the number of Americans enrolled in the Canadian battalions of the Legion is about 2,000.

The Legion is a flexible one and includes all Americans who are not in exclusively American units under the British plan. The Legion is not used in the Canadian army. In that four battalions make a division—a force of about 20,000 men. The American Legion, therefore, although it consists of units which will still constitute a regular and a militia. Indeed, the Americans already enrolled in the military order of the American Legion are talking about an American division under an American general.

RELICS OF PENN AT AUCTION.
 (Tablet in New York Times.)
 London.—At Christie's today a sale of family portraits, books, manuscripts and documents of King Penn and his descendants was made. Sir William Beaufort's full length portrait of King Penn, in the uniform of a Lieutenant colonel of the First Foot Guard of the South Regiment of the Royal Bucks Yeomanry, fetched £1,000, which stands next to the record for a Beebe's canvas of a man. The sum of £1,400 was paid for the portrait of George Prince of Wales in the dress of Cambridge sash in 1842. A portrait of William Penn in armor by an unknown artist brought £2,200. William Penn's Bible, although dated 1620 twenty years after the grant of land in Pennsylvania, realized £1,000, far exceeding the estimated value of £200. The historical wampum belt, native to the Indians after his famous interview under the elm tree at Shackamaxon, sold for £120 for one and Maags £200 for the other. In the recent sale Henry Stevens gave £300 for the 1635 Relation of Maryland with a map, the British museum copy of which went for £10 to settle the colonial lawsuit between the sons of Penn and the heirs of Lord Baltimore over the boundaries of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Yesterday two official copies of a colonial case fetched £100 and £200.

The original manuscript of "Penn's Persuasion" at Tadcaster, June 1, the First of Principe, of 1886, a plea which resulted in the release of more than 1,200 Quakers to James II, realized £2,000. A lock of his hair cut off by his wife three years before his death sold for £100. Two letters written by William Bradford, the first Pennsylvania writer, in 1612, brought £200.

Two portraits by Joseph Highmore of William Penn's sons, John and Richard, were keenly sought after. The former realized £2,000 and the latter £1,200. Penn's portrait of John Penn was bought by Kneller for £500.

WHERE COURTESY PAID.
 (American Magazine.)
 A woman came into the bank quite early, say at nine and a half before the opening hour. To check she said that she was most troubled and had to get some money from her account immediately as she was obliged to leave for the south at once. She advised me a telegram ammounting the death of her son in a shooting would result in Texas. I consulted with my husband upon this and immediately accompanied her to the station and wired her tickets etc. At the railroad station we found a telegram to the effect that her son had been shot in the head and was dying in a hospital in Dallas. We wired to her son to stay with him despite his telegram. Otero will be for him. Bursum and McKinley enter into a previous arrangement that saved Grimes' page from impending defeat will line up for Bursum and Otero.

Now is the time for us to begin getting ready.

Nobody has been heard to express

opinion that the Deutschland got safely back to her home port. It is a pity that the iron crosses couldn't all be saved for the Captain's keening.

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